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Father Vaz was a worthy heir of Saint Francis Xavier; he was also a true son of his native Goa; outstanding for its deep Christian and Missionary Traditions. Father Vaz was a son of Asia who became a Missionary in Asia.

- Pope John Paul II

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## Agnel Balbhavan Kids on a Pilgrimage to Goa

Rev. Fr. Nazareth Fernandes, the Director of Agnel Balbhavan Bandra along with the students went on a pilgrimage to Goa during the Exposition of the Sacred Relics of St. Francis Xavier. It was an enriching experience for the children who had never been out of Mumbai. Ven. Fr. Agnelo their Patron, under whose tutelage they are nurtured, was another focus of their visit.



At Old Goa

They visited Rachol Seminary where Fr. Agnelo was Spiritual Director, and where he died preaching the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The next day they visited Old Goa and they



At Anjuna

had to be in a long queue for over three hours along with other pilgrims to pay homage and kiss the sacred relics. They said it was a life-time experience to be treasured

and cherished. Then they proceeded to Anjuna to pay a visit to the house where their Patron Fr. Agnelo was born. Further, they spent a day in Pilar hillock visiting the Tomb of Fr. Agnelo and various Institutions. The kids were fascinated to see the natural beauty of Goa and some of them even said they would love to come and live in Goa.



At Pilar Seminary

## **St. Joseph Vaz** **- A Great Missionary of the Good News**

*“All the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God” (Is 52:10)*

*This is a magnificent prophecy in which Isaiah foretells the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.*

*This prophecy has a special meaning for us, as we celebrate the canonization of a great missionary of the Gospel, Saint Joseph Vaz.*



*Saint Joseph Vaz came to this country inspired by missionary zeal and a great love for its people. Because of religious persecution, he dressed as a beggar, performing his priestly duties in secret meetings of the faithful, often at night. His efforts provided spiritual and moral strength to the beleaguered Catholic population. He had a particular desire to serve the ill and suffering. His ministry to the sick was so appreciated by the king, during a smallpox epidemic in Kandy that, he was allowed greater freedom to minister to those in need. From Kandy, he could reach out to other parts of the island. He spent himself in missionary work and died, exhausted, at the age of fifty-nine, revered for his holiness.*

*Saint Joseph Vaz continues to be an example, and a teacher for many reasons, but I would like to focus on three. First, he was an exemplary priest; an example of patient suffering in the cause of the Gospel, and was constantly united with the crucified Lord in prayer, he can become for all people, a living icon of God’s mercy and reconciling love.*

*Second, he ministered to those in need, making no distinction of race, creed, tribe, status or religion.*

*Finally, Saint Joseph gives us an example of missionary zeal. Though he came to Ceylon to minister to the Catholic community, in his evangelical charity, he reached out to everyone.*

*Dear brothers and sisters, I commend all of you to the prayers of our New Saint, so that, in union with the Church throughout the world, you may sing a new song to the Lord and declare his glory to all the ends of the earth. Amen.*

**-HOMILY BY POPE FRANCIS  
DURING THE CANONIZATION  
CEREMONY.**

# Fr. Agnelo Jayanti

*Homily by Bishop Alex Dias on the 146th Birth Anniversary of Fr. Agnelo*

When I was doing my studies abroad, my parents were old. They lived all by themselves, as my eldest brother was working abroad. My eldest sister was married and lived elsewhere with her family. The other two sisters had become nuns, and worked in different places. I was the Benjamin of the family. Some of my good friends would, off and on, visit my parents, and their visits gave them much joy.

It happened once that, my friend and professor Fr. Lactancio Almeida, visited my parents, when I was nearing the completion of my studies, and return to India. On that visit, Fr. Lactancio mentioned to my parents that, very soon, I would be returning to Goa. Quite obviously, this was good news to my parents. However, as they expressed their joy my mother said: "Fr. Lactancio, we want Alex to be a good and saintly priest, like Fr. Agnelo, a lover of God and a lover of souls."

"A lover of God and a lover of souls" is a very good description of Venerable Fr. Agnelo, for that is what he was. Fr. Lactancio was the editor of the 'Vauraddeancho Ixtt', at that time. He wrote about this in the Konkani Weekly, adding that he was so touched by the words of my mother that, he always kept them in his mind and heart, and tried to live by them. Both my parents would often talk about Fr. Agnelo, and his holiness. My father spoke about the beautiful and fiery sermons that Fr. Agnelo used to preach, and which he had the privilege of hearing a number of times.

I am talking about this, as I realize that I myself am still far from fulfilling the prayer and dream of my mother. However, I think I can safely say that all of us would agree that this is also our experience, given our weak and sinful condition. Our beloved Pope Francis has said, more than once, that the Pope, too, has his own sins. He has gone on to say that he makes his confession once in two weeks. Yes, when it comes to our spiritual journey towards holiness, we all struggle, stumble and fall. At best, we are just beginners.

The Dogmatic Constitution of the Second Vatican Council 'LUMEN GENTIUM' teaches us that, as baptized Christians, we are called to a life of holiness. Our journey toward holiness begins at the time of our Baptism. Baptism, as we ought to know, is the Sacrament by which, we are grafted into the Body of Christ, and begin to live His Divine Life. Our ascent

towards holiness begins there.

Today, the 21st of January, 2015, we celebrate the 146th Anniversary of the Birth of Fr. Agnelo. He was born on the 21st of January, 1869. I would like to call Fr. Agnelo 'A SAINT IN A HURRY', for he started his ascent towards holiness, when he was in danger of death. Therefore, he was baptized at his home itself, on the day he was born. There began his journey towards holiness. And we must say that he began it in right earnest. He grew up to be an exemplary boy. He was found to be an example to all the children of his Parish. He would gather them, at the request of his Parish Priest, and teach them Catechism. Seeing his extraordinary virtues, at that tender age, his Parish Priest chose to give him First Holy Communion, when he was just 8 years old, something which was not the normal practice at all, at that time. This was, therefore, an additional boost to him on his journey towards holiness. He was, therefore, really 'A SAINT IN A HURRY'. Fr. Agnelo's journey towards holiness was quite obviously aided by his exemplary parents, especially his mother. They were his first Role Models, providing for him the atmosphere, environment and example, to grow in holiness.

It has been my privilege to more than once visit, the house, where Fr. Agnelo was born, in a beautiful village of Anjuna. One of his biographers, Fr. Antonio Pereira, S. J., gives a very good description of the house and the family of Fr. Agnelo. The Family Altar had statues and pictures of Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Anne, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis Xavier, St. Anthony, St. Roque, and more saints. Fr. Agnelo's mother would wake her children up at 5 a.m., for morning prayers. The Rosary was a daily feature in the home. His mother, being a very talented person, would gather the children of the village, together with her own children, and teach them Catechism. She also taught them music and needle-work. What would we have to say about our families? How would they compare with the family of Fr. Agnelo?

Fr. Agnelo was born on the feast day of St. Agnes, a word which means "lamb." A lamb is always a symbol of meekness, mildness and tenderness. Fr. Agnelo was christened Agnelo, which means a "little lamb." In fact, his parents as well as others called him "Querobino," a

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# Marriage – A Sacred Alliance

- Fr.F. Diniz

There is a strong modern trend that aims at building up human Society on “Free Love”. Marriage, they say destroys your freedom and makes you a slave of your partner. Religion that has adorned marriage with sacred rituals is rather helping to perpetuate this slavery. Hence, these rituals should be abolished and marriage should become purely a civil affair, easy to get at will and easy to dissolve when so wished.

A similar trend existed among the Israelites in the time of Christ. Experts in Jewish Law relying on the law of Moses that allowed divorce, opined that it could be allowed only in rare or in very serious cases but opinions differed: Some of them would allow divorce even on such flimsy grounds as the wish of the husband who did not like the cooking of the wife. It is in this connection that some Pharisees approached Jesus to test him saying “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?” Jesus said in reply: “Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said: ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together no human being must separate.” (Mt. 19, 3-6). *Genesis 2:24 (which Mathew amplifies) comprises the theology of marriage in just 24 words!*

Jesus instead of explaining the viewpoint of Moses went to the origins of the human race and explained what was the purpose of God Himself while creating the human race. The Book of Genesis says in this regard. “God created man in the image of Himself, in the image of God He created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them saying to them: ‘Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and conquer it.’” (Gen. 1, 27-28).

The above teachings of Jesus and of Genesis make it clear that, the total commitment of husband and wife to a life of mutual fidelity is a perpetual one, precisely because the marriage alliance is sacred. Hence, *marriage is the projection of God’s Oneness in the diversity of God’s creation.* Though man and woman are different from each other they come together in marriage, to form a unity that will be fruitful. Such unity can be built up and find its fulfillment

only in the holiness of a Trinitarian God, and His love for the human race.

In the patriarchal system, the woman was reduced to the state of a servant with great harm to her development as mother and mistress of the family, whereas man being treated

as a god has gone out of control and given himself to excessive drinking and other vices. Similar abuses have been reported in some matriarchal families.

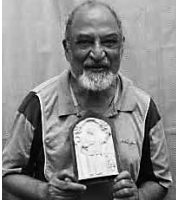
The remedy to the above situation is to educate our families regarding the dignity of human beings and their equality before the Law. The Catholic Church prescribes a “two-day immediate preparation” for the prospective couples before they are married. It is a very important prelude to their marriage. However, it is often taken very lightly by the partners concerned and even dispensed with on flimsy grounds.

The family is the basic cell of the entire human race. Its greatness, nobility and happiness depends on unity and peace between husband and wife. So, unless the basic attitude of mutual respect and love between them is firmly established and maintained, the family will never be in peace and the harmony required for its growth, and well-being will never be attained. This is crucial as the family prepares man and women on a remote basis for marriage.



# Pope Francis' visit to the Emerald Island

- By Fr. Cosme Jose Costa sfx



Fr. Cosma Costa -  
'The Miracle Boy'

The pastoral visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the island nation of Sri Lanka to canonize the Goan origin, Blessed Joseph Vaz took place from 13th to 15th January 2015.

Everyone was agog with hectic preparations for this great event. The Director of Information and Media Secretariat of the Pope's visit, Fr. Cyril Gemini Fernando, said that this visit was "a great honour to Sri Lanka, a tiny island where Catholics are a minority."

The stage where the Canonization Mass was celebrated depicted the culture and identity of Sri Lanka. It was decorated with traditional local art forms and was covered with a Kandyan-style roof.

The Pope being the Head of Vatican State was received with due state honors, accorded by the Government authorities, on his arrival on 13th January at 9 am at the Bandaranaike International Airport. The newly elected President, H.E. Maithripala Sirisena, his Council of Ministers, Navy, Air-force and Army Chiefs, the Cardinal and Bishops, representatives of Buddhist, Hindu, and Muslim creeds, as well as some Religious Sisters and school children, had all lined up around a red carpet laid from the steps of the plane, to a live decorated elephant at the other end. After meeting the President and the assembled dignitaries, a Guard of Honor was presented to His Holiness, followed by a Welcome Song by school children, cultural dances and gun salute.

The Sri Lankan President said, "I am extremely pleased that during this visit you will canonize Sri Lanka's first Saint, Blessed Joseph Vaz, a Catholic missionary from Goa in India, who made a significant contribution to the growth of the Catholic faith in this country. This canonization is indeed an honor for the people of Sri Lanka, and those in this region, particularly of the Catholic faith."

Thanking the President, Government authorities and everyone for the Welcome accorded to him, the Pope in his speech said, "My visit to Sri Lanka is primarily pastoral. As Universal Pastor of the Catholic Church, I

have come to meet, encourage and pray with the Catholic people of the island. A highlight of this visit will be the Canonization of Blessed Joseph Vaz, whose example of Christian charity and respect for all people regardless of ethnicity or religion, continues to inspire and teach us today. But my visit is also meant to express the Church's love and concern for all Sri Lankans, and to confirm the desire of the Catholic community to be an active participant in the life of this society".

Pope Francis made his speech: "I have come to Sri Lanka in the footsteps of my predecessors Popes Pope Paul VI and John Paul II, to demonstrate the great love and concern which the Catholic Church has for Sri Lanka.

According to police and security estimates, 10.5 lakh people attended the Papal Mass; which is nearly three times Goa's entire Catholic population. There were 120 Ecclesiastics on the dais around the Holy Father, including Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Palolin, Sri Lankan Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, 3 Indian Cardinals, 27 Bishops and about 5000 priests Concelebrated at the Mass. The hymns during the Mass were sung by a special local choir mostly in Sinhalese, some in Tamil, one or two in Latin and English. The Pope recited the prayers in English.

With reference to Goa and St Joseph Vaz, Cardinal Ranjith of Sri Lanka said, "Over and above the gift of your presence on this soil, you have given us the gift of a Saint; that gift makes us truly happy for Sri Lanka has now its own Saint, the pride of Goa, and God's precious gem to Sri Lanka."

The Papal Mass ended with a hymn to St. Joseph Vaz in Sinhalese. Then a group of 16 Goan pilgrims under the baton of Fr Joaquim Loyola Pereira sang the hymn composed by Fr Vasco Rego in Konkani, "Jose Vaza Amchea Bhava."

Before his departure for the Philippines the Pope made an earnest appeal to both the Tamils and the Sinhalese to seek true repentance, to approach one another in true contrition, offering and seeking forgiveness and rebuild the unity that was lost.

# Wedding Anniversary Prayer

-Ivan Arthur

## First Anniversary

Thank you Lord for this day and the three hundred and sixty five in between this and that day before Your altar when we gazed into each other's eyes -- or was it Yours? -- and said our I do's. I thank you for the love you have shown me through his caresses, his concern for me, his scolding, his acts of giving and forgiving, our time together, the movies, the one sandwich we shared on a broke day, the time he stood up for me with his family, the ... Oh so many big and small events... Thank you for all that love, so big that it could not be ours, not his nor mine. It is yours. Poured out into us. This I know and I thank you.

## Second Anniversary

We have gone through two whole years, thank you Lord. But it has not all been smooth sailing, you know. I am seeing sides of him that I hadn't before and not all of them make me happy. His job and his career ambition have become a thorn between us. We have had arguments, fights, sometimes severe, exchanging hurtful words so much so we thought it would be the end for us, but now I know it was only the miracle of your love that made things right again and made us feel that nothing had happened to the caresses, the concern, the acts of giving and forgiving. Thank you Lord.

## Fifth Anniversary

He's a wonder. Our little Rahul. Two years old already. Just looking at him makes me want to sing hosannas to your name. He takes up all my time and can be quite naughty. But he is cute. His father is so proud of him, you'd think the brat's name is not Rahul but Mozart or Einstein. Thank you, God for this gift. Again your love for us. It is so big that you needed one more vessel to fill it in. And so we keep pouring it from one to another like warm milk that will not cool. Thank you Lord. Thanks again.

## Tenth Anniversary

Thanksgiving day again, Lord. Both Rahul and Reena are growing up beautifully. Rahul as a beautiful voice and has won prizes for his singing. He tends to show off a bit and that worries me. Reena tends to answer back already, but it is only with me. She is OK with her father. He has again gone back to giving his job all his attention. There seems to be trouble in his office. Politics. He comes home tense.

Doesn't speak. I try to soothe him down the best a wife can. But it doesn't seem to work. I know he loves me, but he is certainly not showing it right now. I know what you are doing now, Lord. Your love is playing a little game with me. But I can take it. With a little help from you.

## Twentieth Anniversary

What are you doing to me, Lord? And why? We don't seem to have any control over both our children. Serves us right, you will say, for our pride. Both come home late every night. I am afraid for Reena. The world is not as innocent as it was during our time. I am afraid of consequences. Their father loses his temper and threatens to throw them out of the house. In all this, I know there is love. Between them and us. Your love. Playing peekaboo in the corners of our despair. With some difficulty I say thank you

Lord for this anniversary.

## Twenty-fifth Anniversary

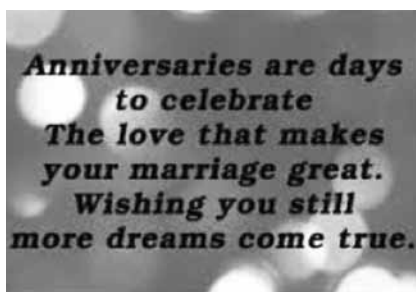
Beautiful day, Lord. Thanks a lot. The parish priest came home with his holy water sprinkler and he blessed us as we exchanged vows and rings again. My fellow looked handsome even with his paunch and I think that he had not noticed how much weight I had put on since the last time we said I do. And friends, Lord. Wow! So many! Where did you find them for us, Lord? Like bells ringing out our joy. Yes we know. This love of yours for us, so big that you had to find more and more vessels to store it in. And it still spills over. Thanks.

## Fiftieth Anniversary

From Silver to Gold. I didn't think we would make it. But you decided that we should. That there was still a lot of love to go around. For each other. For our children. Our four grandchildren. And our many, many friends. And You, the source of it all, still pouring it in plenty. Thank you once more. I try hard to hide my wrinkles now and he his limp. But how does one hide one's love?

## Fifty-ninth Anniversary

I'm celebrating today. Only the memory. Dressed in black still. We buried him six months ago. But funny, I still feel married to him. See. I still have his ring on my finger. This sacrament of yours is a stubborn thing. It sticks to one forever. Strong glue this. Your love. Pouring out on us from that day in Eden.



# Tough Couples Love Eternally

-Leon Bent

“Seize the day, the hour, nay, the very minute!” The ‘fire in our hearts’ must stir us to make our marriages “works of art” which glow with meaning and blessing, and make Jesus’ love alive and vibrant.

## The Great Mystery of Marriage

Kenneth Henderson tells us that, possibly one of the most beautiful gifts that God has given to humanity is the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. A Sacrament is a sign instituted by Christ to convey grace. The Church teaches us that the Sacraments are the most profound way that God administers His grace to us, His children. The Sacraments are His most direct and significant means of healing our brokenness.

## Matrimony: It’s Graces and Needs

The Sacrament of Matrimony offers us four graces: “*Elevation*” (unity, enrichment, joy, faith/Spirit-filled), “*Radiation*” (sharing, openness, witness, evangelization), “*Forgiveness*” (Reconciliation) and “*Healing*” – (the oil of gladness, the Holy Spirit).

Couples have “*Four Needs*” – “Love (when the spouse makes the other feel unique and special, intimacy, oneness), Self-Worth (to be able to have a quiet celebration of who I am), a Sense of Belonging (support and fellowship from spouse, family, friends, community), and Autonomy (allowing the person freedom to grow; pursue his/her individual interests, provided it builds the marriage).” The needs of nuptial pairs can be healed by the four graces, mentioned above, either singly or together.

## Marital Spirituality

All the “*needs*” must necessarily be satisfied, if not in the flesh, then, at least, in the Spirit (cf. Gal.5:22; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; cf. Jn.3:5-6, 8; cf. Mt.26:41). A Precious secret this! Then one will experience timeless ‘holy instants,’ when it is easy to believe that eternal love will be the final word of the universe.

The so-called “irreconcilable differences scenario,” a “fatalistic mentality,” “bitter conflicts,” “reaching a point of no return,” are wide-spectrum terms, scary expressions, for a trivial farce – a “storm in a tea cup,” and “Much Ado about Nothing” (Shakespeare).

At his General Audience, Pope Francis

reinforced the role of marriage and urged men and women to work harder to resolve their marital differences.

In the words of Roy Croft: “I love you...for passing over all the foolish, weak things that you can’t help dimly seeing in me, and for drawing out into the light, all the beautiful qualities or virtues that no one else had looked quietly closely and minutely, to find ( John Powell S.J., *A Life-Giving Vision*, p. 55-56, 38). If we live what the two paragraphs above speak about, our marriages will be built on Rock, and grow by the day.



Our marriages will be a world apart with an ethereal quality about it, and a bulwark covered with elegant, serene, intimate, universal, eternal, blissful graffiti. Then we will enjoy our moment in the sun and share in the Lord’s glory!

We share this beautiful and perfectly appropriate insight with you. Michelangelo was so gifted a sculptor that he saw in the ordinary block of marble, the most extraordinary shape and exotic, plus the full-of-feeling form of the Pieta. The masterly artist was able to draw out the unparalleled beauty, that lay hidden in, perhaps, an ungainly bolder. So, also, must spouses “draw out” the gold spot in the heart of their spouses, at great sacrifice to their own fulfilment, more often than not.

Then, our marriages will be a world apart with an ethereal quality about it, and a bulwark covered with elegant, serene, intimate, universal, eternal, blissful graffiti. Then we will enjoy our moment in the sun and share in the Lord’s glory!

It is imperative that we keep our marriage sacrosanct. This can be done if we assure our spouse all the time of our affection and commitment by constantly repeating the three little words, “I love you,” and “I’ll be loving you eternally,” sung so very melodiously and with much exuberance, by the English pop star, Engelbert Humperdinck, which are classics today. If one chants these mantras a hundred times daily, ‘wedded’ expressions of true, devoted love won’t be too difficult a task.

We wish you, dear “lovers” seasons of mists and mellow-fruitfulness!

# AGNEL HAPPENINGS

## Fr. Agnel's Jayanti at Bandra

The 146th Birth Anniversary of Fr. Agnelo, Saint of our Hearts was celebrated with great solemnity and reverence on 21st January, 2015. It was a fitting finale to the Novena, where hundreds of devotees came to pray, seek Fr. Agnelo's intervention for the fulfilment of their needs and offer thanksgiving to God.

The theme for the Jayanti was "Fr. Agnelo – Gentle Lamb, Meek and Mild." He was a Priest after the heart of Jesus! Fr. Agnelo gave this bouquet of compassionate love and gentle mercy to everyone and brought many disciples to Jesus. Many people, whose hearts he touched were also healed in the process, physically, psychologically and spiritually!

The Main Celebrant was our beloved Rt. Rev. Alex Dias, sfx, Bishop of Port Blair. Fr. F. Diniz, sfx, the Superior, cordially welcomed Bishop Alex. He was immediately brought into the Celebrations to the rhythmic Lezim beats by Fr. Agnel Technical High School Students, Bandra. The evening sky was then lit up with a mellifluous Dance to the tune of "How great is my God," by our tiny tots from Fr. Agnel Primary School. The Scholastics (Brothers) from Pune, set the feet of the invitees 'a-tapping' with their delightful and masterly Instrumental rendition of 'Char Kadam' and held the imagination of the audience captive with a group song "I dreamed a Dream." Earlier they welcomed Bishop Alex with a heart-warming song.

The highlight of the Programme was a heart-

rending, yet, scintillating "Music-Dance-Drama," beautifully wrapped around the theme, 'Freedom for the Girl Child,' by the students of Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi. Our sincere congratulations to these vibrant, gifted and bubbly budding artists!

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated with a festive, deeply spiritual Liturgy meticulously planned by Bro. Vincent Lobo. In his Homily Bishop Alex Dias exhorted the faithful to emulate the life of Ven. Fr. Agnelo, who touched the hearts of thousands of people who hungered for the love of Jesus. He was able to work this magnificent miracle and bring healing to countless pilgrims with his meek and humble nature and a simple lifestyle. The 'good news' is that he is continuing to do this even today! The pulsating Sermon was followed by a Novena Prayer for the early canonization of Ven. Fr. Agnelo, which countless of his followers are eagerly looking forward to, more particularly, the members of the Society of Pilar.

A Vote of Thanks was proposed by Fr. Nazareth Fernandes, sfx. The programme was ably compered by Br. Vincent. The inspiring Eucharist and Variety Entertainment Spectacle were attended by many priests and religious from the Bandra Deanery and the Missionary Society of St. Francis Xavier. The large number of devotees and the invitees gave glory to God by their open display of Faith-Spirit-filled presence. They went home with a smile on their face, a song on their lips and a spring in their feet.

## Bishop Alex Inaugurates Cultural Hall

It wasn't a regular morning at **Fr. Agnel's, Ambernath** on Friday 23rd Jan 2015. The air within the sprawling premises of the school felt unusually thick with pride for yet another milestone was achieved by the inauguration of the much awaited 4th floor Hall, by the Chief Guest – Rev. Bishop Alex Dias, Bishop of Port Blair.

The other eminent dignitaries present at the function included Fr. S. Almeida, Fr. Diniz, Fr. Victor, and others. The Inauguration and Blessing of the Hall was followed by a Welcome Speech given by Fr. Diniz.

Bishop Alex had words of appreciation for this Educational Institution "If God is with us nothing is impossible. On the contrary, in his

absence nothing is possible," stressed Bishop Alex.

The guests and children seated in the massive Hall witnessed a heartwarming Welcome Song accompanied by the melodious accompaniment of the guitar. Several dance performances left the audience spell-bound.

Fr. Victor proposed a Vote of Thanks. He specially thanked the Managing Committee, Architect Mr. Jacob, Project Manager Mr. Gore, the Accountant Mr. Debnath, Ms. Antoinette Viegas along with the Co-ordinators of Vashi, namely Tr. Rupa, Tr. Neena & Tr. Vijaya.

It was indeed a memorable and blessed day graced by the presence of Rt. Rev. Bishop Alex Dias.

*(See Photos on Back Cover)*

# Canonization of St. Joseph Vaz



*St. Joseph Vaz-Sri Lanka's First Saint*



*Pope Francis Celebrates the Eucharist*



*Pope Francis during the Canonization Ceremony*



*During the Canonization*



*A large contingent of Goans attending the Canonization*



*Native Dancers doing a Prayer Dance*



*Folk Dancers*

# 146th Birth Anniversary of Fr. Agnelo celebration at Fr. Agnel, Bandra



*Fr. S. Almeida, Regional Superior welcomes Bp. Alex Dias Sfx*



*Agnelites welcome Bp. Alex to the rhythmic Lezim beats*



*Hritik Sharma, a Balbhavnite offers a bouquet of flowers to Bp. Alex*



*A Dance by Tiny Tots of Agnel Primary School*



*Instrumental Rendition of Char Kadam by the Scholastics*



*Dance by Budding Artists of Agnel's School, Vashi*



*I Dreamed A Dream by Scholastic Bros*



*Vashi Agnelites proclaim in song Freedom for a Girl Child*

**Photo Courtesy: Br. Leon Roy D'Mello**

## Agnel Minithon

**F**r. Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi, conducted its Annual Minithon on 4th January, 2015. The annual Event witnessed the participation of 3000 students, Parents and Alumni of the Institution. The Agnel Minithon is aimed at raising awareness about fitness. The proceeds of the Minithon will be donated to Charitable Trusts. "This year the minithon proceeds will be donated for the Jammu and Kashmir Flood Relief Work," said Fr Almeida, the Managing Director of the Institution. While flagging off the Minithon, he requested all participants to avoid littering the streets. The Minithon route which stretched over a distance of roughly five kilometres



*Fr.S. Almeida leading the Participants of the Agnel Minithon*



*The Participants of the Agnel Minithon*

was dotted with "watering points," where the participants were provided with water and biscuits to keep them hydrated. Students holding garbage bags were stationed at regular intervals. "Every year the number of people participating in the Minithon is increasing. Not only the students but also their parents, relatives and former students make it a point to attend the Minithon," said Fr. Almeida, who was visibly pleased by the response the Minithon had garnered. The Minithon was followed by a Jam Session by DJ Rajesh, an ex-Agnelite.

## Balbhawan Day 2015

**T**he sun gods beamed down on 10th January, 2015, as we gathered on the ground of the **Balbhawan in New Delhi** for the much awaited Balbhawan Day. This day is dedicated to all those men and women who made this glorious endeavour possible – the Balbhawan, that is home to more than 240 children. Our hearts swelled with gladness as Fr. Bento read out the long and stirring list of what our children of the Balbhawan are doing in the world outside. At the helm of this great venture are our mainstays Fr. Carvalho and Fr. Bento, who opened the flood gates of love that we fondly call the Balbhawan. Everyone associated with this miracle of love is proud to have learnt to reach out in acts of simple generosity.

The children of the Balbhawan were thrilled to have us, and we looked forward to a wonderful morning of music, dance, laughter, food. The backdrop "Praise the Lord with Music, Laughter and Dance" said it all. The program began with a prayer Song – a moving number that is a call to us to never lose faith in God. Fr. Carvalho addressed the gathering and expressed his gratitude to all who made this vision possible. The only way out of a world riddled by guns battles and bloodshed is love. He urged us to be change-makers who will make the world a place worth living in.

The Variety Entertainment was triggered off by a phone call. The "little ones" expressed their gratitude to God dancing to the hymn: "What a Friend we have

in Jesus.” The telephone continued to ring throughout the program. With just a click of a button we can connect to a loved one, but the telephone brought along with it a host of problems that affected inter-personal relationships. This was conveyed through an innovative dance and song spectacle, that left the audience spell-bound and delighted. A brilliant satire on how the mobile phone almost paralyzes life and relationships!

Life on earth is altered forever and the hotline to Heaven results in the wedding of the princess to her beloved. We had the great Indian wedding with all its dance and glitz-n-glamour right there. Even as we laughed with the actors,

we knew in our hearts that, we were laughing at ourselves and our obsession with the mobile phone.

The Balbhawan is racing towards having their own Orchestra. This year we saw the introduction of two saxophonists, two trumpeters, a violinist, and, of course, a fantastic group of vocalists who warmed our hearts with beautiful melodies.

The entire Balbhawan, Sisters, Mothers and the Children came on stage for the Final Prayer, before we dispersed to enjoy a delicious lunch. As we bowed our heads in prayer I felt humbled before the infinite love of God and to quote Fr. Bento ‘We are children of this crazy God and He loves us like crazy’.

(See Photos on pg 19)

## Annual Sports Meet

**Fr. Agnel’s Vidyankur School, Pune** celebrated its ‘Annual Sports Meet’ on 24th January, 2015. The Chief Guest was Mr. Surendra Chavan, the first mountaineer from Maharashtra to climb Mt. Everest.

The event began with the March Past, followed by lighting the Sports’ Torch declaring the Sports Meet open. The Primary and Secondary sections had 100 meters and 400 meters Relay races for boys and girls.

The students enthralled the guests and the spectators with beautiful drills, aerobic exercises, using tri-colour dupattas and colourful pomp-poms, making wonderful formations. Scintillating demonstrations

of lezim, and pyramids were performed by the students, to the beats of the drum and the accompaniment of music.

During the Prize Distribution Ceremony, the Chief Guest distributed Medals and Certificates to the winners. Rolling Trophies were given to the best “House” which secured the first position and for the runner-up “House.”

The Chief Guest appreciated the efforts taken by the Principal, Teachers and Students in making the event a grand success. He shared his experience as a mountaineer and encouraged the students to do their best in academics as well as sports.

(See Photos on Pg 19)

## Fr. Agnel Ashram - Bandra MASSES ON SUNDAYS

### **MORNING**

7.00 English      8.00 Konkani  
9.30 English      11.00 Tamil

### **EVENING**

3.30 Marathi      4.30 Konkani  
6.30 English      7.30 English

### **NOVENA SERVICES ON SUNDAYS MORNING**

7.45 English      8.45 Konkani  
10.15 English      10.30 Tamil

### **EVENING**

3.30 Marathi      4.15 Konkani  
6.15 English      7.15 English

### **Weekdays Mass in English at 6.00 p.m.**

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Portuguese word for the Angel Cherubim, even though that was not his Baptismal name. And, indeed, he grew up like a little angel, meek, humble and mild. That, in fact, is the Theme for today's festive Liturgy. Fr. Agnelo was given the name of the saint on whose feast day he was born, and he tried to imitate her virtues. That is why we have Patron Saints, so that, we can live by their example. Unfortunately, nowadays, it is fashionable to give names of actors, cricketers, and the like, to children. They may be great in their profession, but when it comes to their spiritual lives, very often the less said, the better it is!

The First Reading for today, taken from the Book of Revelation 5:6-10, reminded us that, by His sacrificial death, the Lamb, Jesus Christ, has brought for God, a people from every tribe, language, nation and race. We Christians, baptized into Jesus, comprise 'this people.' Therefore, "we are called to be holy like our Heavenly Father is holy;" whose chosen people we are.

The Second Reading, taken from Ephesians 4:1-8, calls us to live in a way that, measures up to the standard God has set for us, when He called us to be 'His People.' Our Christian Vocation calls us to be always humble, gentle and patient. We are to show our love for one another, while preserving the unity the Spirit has given us. Fr. Agnelo seems to have fully understood his calling, and thus began to live it very early in life – truly A SAINT IN A HURRY. He was a man of prayer, because his faith in God was great. And this faith moved and inspired him, to share it with others, out of the great concern he had for their souls, which is why he roared like a tiger when he preached, even though he was thin and frail to look at.

In the Gospels, we read about how Jesus was united with His Father in prayer. The Gospel of Luke tells us Jesus often spent the entire night in prayer. He prayed before he chose his Apostles, he prayed before raising Lazarus from the dead, he prayed before His Passion and Death. Like Jesus, Fr. Agnelo was united with God, and therefore, he prayed ceaselessly. He also recommended prayer to the Seminarians, whose Spiritual Director he was. Similarly, he recommended prayer to all who approached him for spiritual advice, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Because of his closeness to God, manifested in his prayer life, Venerable Fr. Agnelo was given a special gift from God. In his First Letter,

St. John in chapter 4:1-18, says "Our love is brought to perfection in this, that we should have *"Confidence on the Day of the Judgment"*. Fr. Agnelo was given this gift by God. When he was preaching in the Rachol Seminary, on the day of the Vespers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 19th November, Fr. Agnelo collapsed with an attack of thrombosis. As he lay there his left side paralyzed, he was carried to his room. The entire Seminary, the Professors as well as the students, were shocked beyond words, to see their beloved Spiritual Director in that serious state. One of the Professors of the Seminary, Fr. Bruno de Menezes, asked Fr. Agnelo if he would like to make his confession. Fr. Agnelo, who was conscious at that time, replied in the negative. However, he said that he would like to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Fr. Agnelo was able to say this precisely because he had *"Confidence on the Day of Judgment"*, which St. John talks about in his Letter, which I quoted earlier.

We are reminded of St. Dominic Savio who is known to have had this same *"Confidence on the Day of Judgment."* St. John Bosco, who had dealt with numerous with young boys, once asked them, while they were on the playground, what they would do if they were to be told that. they would die in the next few minutes. One boy replied that he would rush to the Chapel and pray. Another said that he would go to make his Confession. Dominic Savio, however, said he would continue to play, because he was sure that he was doing what God wanted him to do at that moment. This is a wonderful example of *"Confidence on the Day of Judgment"*.

Today's Gospel invited us to come to Jesus with all our troubles, woes and sufferings. He has assured us that he will give us rest. Thousands of people flock to the feet of Fr. Agnelo precisely because they believe that, through his intercession, Jesus will deliver them from all their troubles. I am sure that, we too have come here today to do the same. We will have many prayers, needs and intentions to lift up to Jesus in prayer, through the intercession of Fr. Agnelo. While we pray for all of these genuine desires, let us not forget the most important one, namely, the *"Confidence on the Day of Judgment."* Let us remember the words of Jesus who says to us, "What does it profit a man if he gained the whole world, and suffered the loss of his soul". Let us, therefore, pray for this all-important intention, while we pray for all our other intentions, for Jesus tells us to, first seek the Kingdom of Heaven, and all the rest will be given to us.

# Is Marriage Fifty- Fifty?

(I dedicate this Article to all Married and Abused Women)

-Vency D'Silva, Staten Island, NY

Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" features a woman. She was the wife of ancient Greek Philosopher, Socrates. Unfortunately, she was known for her bad temper, and was an argumentative and nagging wife. She is depicted as emptying the contents of a chamber pot from the window while Socrates was sitting quietly down below when he remarked: "first comes the thunder, then the rain". The term 'Socratic Patience' is the exultation of this man's virtue. But history tells the other side of the tale. Socrates was an alcoholic, did not work, wasted time entertaining his young friends with intellectual argumentations while his wife was left alone at home with three young children. Her Athenian aristocratic background had provided her with enough wealth. It was love, caring and sharing the burdens of marriage she was craving for. Her heart was torn apart in deep sorrow watching her husband trudging his way home totally drunk every single night. Does this sound familiar? "Xanthippic Patience" is my homage to this woman who remained faithful in lovesharing Socrates' agony in prison, arrested for impiety and corruption of youth and killed by hemlock poison.

Fifty-fifty is a folkloric concept of marriage at best. Married love demands a 100

percent response from both partners. Marriage cannot be measured in terms of mathematical percentages and scales. A successful marriage requires falling in love again and again many times, always with the same person. Love is the reason nurtured by lifelong friendship till "death do us part." As someone wrote, "Love is the greatest gift when given, it's the highest honor when received".



Over the course of a relationship that can last about six decades, a lot happens. Personalities change, bodies age, romantic love wanes. Yet the marriage is held together, not by chains, but by

hundreds of tiny threads which people sew together through the unending years of solving conflicts, offering kindness, forgiveness, apologies and sharing good times and bad until "death do us part."

Let me cap this writing with a joke. Father Grimaldi was preparing a grand celebration for Golden Jubilee couples. In a preparatory group discussion he asked: "Salvatore what did you do when you celebrated your Silver Jubilee?" The reply came promptly: "I took my wife to Italy." Oh, how nice and noble of you to take her there, said Father Grimaldi. And what do you plan to do now? Salvatore replied: "I am going to bring her back home!"

*God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. Since he is good, and especially to those who are faithful to him, let us hold fast to him with all our soul, our heart, our strength, and so enjoy his light and see his glory and possess the grace of supernatural joy.*

*- Saint Ambrose*



# FR. AGNEL'S BLESSINGS

## CURE OF BRAIN HEMORRHAGE

**Dombivali:** My brother was suffering from brain hemorrhage. He was in a coma. Our Doctor gave up hope of his survival. At that critical time I prayed to Ven.Fr.Agnel for his help. Through his intercession my brother was cured of his illness. I am very grateful to Ven. Fr.Agnel. In thanksgiving an offering of ₹.500.

-Sonal Meshram

## CURE OF DENGUE

**Valsad:** My son was suffering from high fever due to dengue. Due to a wrong medicine his ailment got very serious. The Doctor gave up hope of his survival and said that only prayer could save him. We started prying to Ven.Fr.Agnel for his help and kept Ven. Fr.Agnel's mud relic under his pillow. We are happy to say that through his intercession he got well. Today we have brought him to the Ashram to pay our homage. In thanksgiving an offering of ₹.200.

-Andrew Pereira

## JOB SECURED

**Malad:** I was without a job for about 4 months. I fervently prayed to Ven. Fr.Agnel to get a new job. I am now happy to say that through his intercession I got a very good job in Muscat. In thanksgiving an offering of ₹.500.

-Chetan Panchal

## CURE OF BRAIN HEMORRHAGE

**Bandra:** I have received several favours through the intercession of Ven.Fr.Agnel. Six months ago I was very sick and admitted to hospital. I prayed to Ven.Fr.Agnel to get cured

soon. Through his blessing I was cured completely. My elder sister was ill with paralysis in both her legs. She was bed-ridden. I prayed to Ven. Fr. Agnlo. She is better now. My sister's daughter was expecting a baby and had a difficult pregnancy. She was very unhappy. I prayed to Ven.Fr.Agnel for her safe delivery. Through his blessing she had a normal delivery. I thank Ven.Fr.Agnel for all these favours. In thanksgiving an offering of ₹.501.

-Sr.Dominic

## CURE OF VARIOUS SICKNESSES

**Andheri:** My daughter was suffering from high diabetes, high B.P. and high cholesterol. Her mouth was full of blisters. She was not able to eat. We prayed to Ven.Fr.Agnel for his help. Through his blessing everything is normal now. I thank Ven.Fr.Agnel for these favours. In thanksgiving an offering of ₹.101.

-Katty Darvesh

## GOOD JOB SECURED

**Vasai:** I was attending Ven.Fr.Agnel's Novena at Agnel Ashram Bandra, praying for the fulfillment of my wish. Through his intercession I secured very good job. In thanksgiving an offering of ₹.5,000.

-Perpetual Dias

## PRAYER ANSWERED

**Australia:** My son had applied for a special subject in the study of his 11th year. But the School authorities did not allow him his choice. He was very upset. I prayed to Ven.Fr.Agnel for his intercession, and the authorities agreed. In thanksgiving I offer 20 dollars

- Mrs.Wilson

**My Cottage Mother made Me  
Feel Loved**

I am Christo D'Mello from Verna and studying in Fr. Agnel Multi-Purpose High School. I joined Konseisanv Balgram in 2009, when I was in the 5th Standard because my parents died. At that time

I was just twelve years old. I missed my parents a lot, but my cottage mother made me feel loved and precious. She loved all of us like her own children.

In the Balgram we the boys are from different places. The Cottage Mothers serve us with a smile. They help us in our difficulties, and teach us good manners. They are affectionate towards us and make us feel happy.

The Fathers, Sisters, Mothers and all the Staff are kind and generous. They provide us all with the necessary things. We have different activities here like Basketball, Football, Music etc. I play Basketball and Music. Our music instructor comes twice a week to teach us. Music is very interesting as it keeps us happy and joyful.

Basketball is also an interesting game. It makes us strong, active, and vibrant and physically fit. I play Football for our school. I love to play Football. My hobbies are reading, playing and making friends. My talent is to share my things with others.

My ambition is to become an electrical engineer. I am grateful to every person who has helped me, especially the Fathers, Sister, Mothers, the Staff and my dear parents who are praying for me from heaven.

**(Christo D'mello, Verna, Goa)**

**I Dream to be a Nun Someday!**

I am Velmy Savia Fernandes. I was born on September 17th, 1996. I entered the Balgram on June 4th in 2002, when I was 8 years old because, after my mother's death, no one was there to

look after me. I was weak in studies, did not pay much attention in class and was totally distracted. I am always healthy. I like to pray, play, music and sing. When I was 10 years old I used to rob, mis-behave and cheat. I worried my mother because of my misbehaviour. My habits were seeking attention, acting stubborn and sometimes telling lies. I forget things easily, so my family members had to remind me constantly of my failings.

My father comes to visit me and he spends time with me. My recent cottage mother is Judith Fernandes. I like to play with small children. I always keep my clothes and books untidy and reminders are needed. I act stubborn when I am corrected. When I am in the mood I enjoy singing. I like to help others. I love to see my relatives and my father. When I was 8 years old I received my First Holy Communion. I had to repeat the class in 5th and 6th grade. I am staying in Ponda, Goa, and now studying in the 8th Standard.

My talents are singing, dancing, playing, and I pray a lot. My ambition is to become a nun. My mother told me that I should become a nun so I said: "Ok, Mummy! "I play Taekwondo and music. I like to water the garden and look after the garden and I even talk to plants. Plants grow so easily and fast."

**(Velmy Fernandes, Verna, Goa)**

*If I be worthy, I live for my God to teach the heathen,  
even though they may despise me.*

*- Saint Patrick*

## Out of Their Bounty

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J. Creado	Mumbai	20000	N.J. Dias	Abu Dhabi	2000	Ashok K. Jain	Mumbai	501
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A. Augustine	Cochin	11200	K. Sebastian	Kerala	2000	T.A. D'Souza	Dombivli	500
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R.R. Fernandes	Pune	10000	A. George	New Delhi	2000	S.K. Philip	Kerala	500
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M. Kurien	Bangalore	10000	D.R. Choksy	Mumbai	1501	S. Tully	Chennai	500
G. Fernando	Mumbai	10000	M. Mathew	Kerala	1500	s. Fernandes	Chennai	500
F. Contractor	Mumbai	10000	A. Jayasimhan	Mumbai	1500	R.T. Chacko	T.N.	500
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L. Joseph	Kerala	3000	E.V. Margaret	Thrissur	1000	D. Dias	Nallasopara	500
J. Kote	Mumbai	3000	Dr.C. Engles	Amritsar	1000	C.K. Varghese	Kerala	500
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L. Paul	Mumbai	2100	Arun Jadhav	Kerala	1000	A. Varghese	Bangalore	500

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*Fr.Bento welcomes the Chief Guest*



*Happy Kids Rock & Dance*



*Entertainment by A Phone Call*



*The Students give a Vote of Thanks*

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*Mr. Surendra Chauhan addresses the Gathering*



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